

October 20, 2003

VIA Electronic Mail and Overnight Delivery

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 03-79

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the remainder of Bay State Gas Company's ("Bay State's") responses to the information requests issued by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") on October 15, 2003:

This filing includes: **DTE 1-4, 1-8, 1-9, and 1-12.**

Please be advised that the Hearing Officer has granted Bay State an extension of time to file these responses, which were due on Friday, October 17, 2003 under the existing procedural schedule.

Please do not hesitate to telephone me with any questions whatsoever. Kindly date-stamp a copy of this letter for our files and return it to us in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Patricia M. French  
Senior Attorney

cc: Jody Stiefel, Hearing Officer  
Andreas Thanos, DTE Gas Division (4)